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## RELENTLESS FATE

By D. D. Rees

A curlew stalked by the river's brink,  
And stepped on the plastic clay.—  
    The years have flown,  
    The clay turned stone,  
And the tracks are fixed for aye.

A skulking dog on a new-paved walk,  
Pursued his aimless way.  
    The soft walk, marred,  
    Turned flinty hard,  
And the footprints are fixed for aye.

A careless lad on youth's white page,  
Wrote wantonly and gay.  
    In saner age  
    He would change the page,  
But the record is fixed for aye.

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## THE VALUE OF MUSIC

BY A. DELLA MOORE

**M**USIC is the outflow of a noble mind, careless whether it rises in the presence of hundreds or for itself in solitude.---Shuman.

It seems needless to say more to affirm the value of music. That which comes from a noble, elevated mind cannot but bless the recipients. Nothing can be of more benefit to humanity than an uplifting influence.

A sentiment that is expressed thru the medium of music is more effective than it could be made thru any other mode of expression, and the impression left upon the soul is deeper, and more lasting. Those which are too sacred, too beautiful to find expression in words are revealed in music.

To me music is the essence of all which is most beautiful. It bears the impress of the finest of artistic forms. It is laden with the fragrance of all that is lovely. It bespeaks of the Divine Hand which created it. It breathes an incentive to be noble, sincere, pure, and gentle, and also to be strong and courageous. Chopin's Fifteenth Prelude stirs the heart to sympathy, and one finds himself shedding tears of pity as the expression of the author is produced in tone pictures.

Music is not only suggestive to refinement and a channel thru which all emotion and sentiment find most adequate expression, but it is a deep study and is capable of stimulating thorough concentration and tranquil progression of thought. Mendelssohn says: "That everything else may appear shallow and repulsive, even the smallest task

music is so absorbing that it carries us far from town, country, earth and worldly things."

Music is nearest to heavenly things of all arts or works of creation. The fine painting, which we so admire, falls far short of even the earthly copy. How much more so must it be of the heavenly! Nature presents many beauties, but the roses have thorns, and if we do pluck them, despite of wounds, they wither and are gone. But music lives ever, both here and hereafter.

Since we have not heard the music of the better world, we do not know how much our best compositions lack of meeting the fullness of the possibilities of music, but blest be the day when our anticipations are realized, and we hear the sublime themes whose melodies and harmonies are far richer than finite minds can now comprehend.

Our beloved composer, Mozart, said of himself, "I have never written the music that it was in my heart to write. Perhaps I never shall with this brain and these fingers, but I know that hereafter it will be written, when instead . . . . . of this little octave there shall be an infinite scale of harmonies, for I feel it. This world of music into whose borders I have just entered is a reality, is immortal."

Plato, the great philosopher, brings to view the value of music in these words: "Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness, gayety and life to everything. It is the essence of order and leads to all that is good, just, and beautiful, of which it is the invisible, but never-the-less dazzling, passionate, and eternal form."

## PREPARATION FOR THE INSTITUTE

OUR new Academy building was under construction and everyone hoped it would be completed in time that the Young People's Institute might be held in it. But the work went slowly; and as the days rapidly became less, we looked doubtfully out at the partly finished structure and longed for a complete force of carpenters and a good round bank account: but this to no avail.

Soon the last week came. Monday passed, then Tuesday, and on Wednesday we learned that if there were only some way to get the steam in and supply the chapel with seats we could use it, tho it still lacked paper, varnish and all that goes to make a room really finished. This fact served only as an aggravation to the majority, for all knew how impossible steam is without the necessary funds. Our Principal, however took the matter in hand and began to do some brain work. He reasoned that perhaps there was another way of heating than by the expensive steam, and as for seats--- why, had not several halls down town been seated with common chairs? and several loads of chairs might be rented for the occasion: then why not revive the old stove that used to do service before the steam plant was installed, and realize our fond hopes?

Accordingly it was announced at the begining of the session Thursday, that if all were willing we would dismiss school for the day and spend the time helping with minor preparations, such as sweeping, washing windows, etc., while the young men could split and lay cedar planks into a sidewalk across the campus to the new structure.

If all were willing! We needed not a second invitation, and were soon busily at work. How rapidly the hours passed! How happy every one was when all was ready for the visitors! Yes, and how hungry when dinner time came. Everyone appreciated the dinner served so cordially in the dormitory dining room. M. L. Y.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE  
THE FIRST MEETING  
BY MISS KATIE BELL

At the opening meeting of the Young People's Institute held at Forest Home Academy Nov. 23 - 25, the key note of all the meetings was struck when Professor Lawrence reminded us that we are living in the end of time, and we must speedily prepare to perform the work which is before us. The principles of unity are needed in all our work; this he gave as the secret of our success. The organization and the progress of the Educational and Young People's work was then spoken of, and we saw this tends to unity which is strength.

There had been three Institutes held in this Union Conference previous to this one, and Professor Lawrence told that if the spirit which attended those was an index to what this one would be, surely the presence of the Lord would be with us in great measure. We were not disappointed in this, for we surely received rich blessings from the Fountain of Life.

As in every thing else in connection with the Christian warfare, the series of these meetings have their foundation in prayer. The "Go ye" is prefaced by "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth." In order to do the work God has called us to do, we must first be strengthened with strength by the inner man. And to be strengthened with might and to have this promised power, we must earnestly seek God in prayer. One of the mottoes on the wall during the Institute was: "The Man of Power is the Man of Prayer."

The Prophecy found in Daniel 2 was spoken of, and we were reminded that we are living in the very last days of this earth's history. Time is short and what is done must be done quickly. The thought that we must not fail to get ready, and that we are to seek God earnestly all the time for strength, was prominent thruout the entire service.

Shall we say that the way God has marked out is too straight, rigid, and hard; or shall we say "thy will be done?" God's biddings are all enobling. May each one answer, "I will to let the Lord have His way with me."



## THE SECOND MEETING

BY EDITH BOOMER '14

Solemnly and seriously, Elder MacGuire arose and pleaded that prayers would ascend for God to give him strength. His forcefulness attested the immediate help of God. He first spoke of devotion and service. Without the former, the latter accomplishes nothing, tho service, personal evangelism, he especially emphasized.

Of true service, education is not an essential. "It is the grace of God," he said, "that fits a man for service." Many uneducated are soul-winners, and are effectual; but the education of others often has the opposite result. Unless it fits one for true service it has been wasted. "Anyone," he continued, "who has not been educated to be a soul-winner in school has been seriously crippled." God's noblest lessons for us should certainly be learned in youth.

Quoting I Cor. 9:16, he declared that Paul was indeed blest in being compelled to preach, knowing the gospel. This text applies personally, for "necessity is laid upon" us as well as upon Paul. "Wee be to you," ran the statement, "if you know the gospel and I preach it not." We must account for every soul with whom we associate. Knowing the truth, the greatest joy possible to us is the consciousness that we have won a soul to Christ. This was illustrated by referring to a personal experience with a lady on a train. Sister White has said, "All who receive the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of men. All can work for individuals." Our spiritual strength is maintained only by service: "Living is giving."

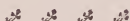
What might we not accomplish if each did his part! "What is the matter with us?" he questioned. We are lukewarm. While angels wait for us to work, "we are content to go on thinking of our own little selfish affairs. Is it not a pity?" The experience of the young man so burdened about his unconverted school-mates was told. "O that God might pour that spirit into the hearts of the young people!" The Lord wants us to be fishers of men. "He has no other plan; and if we don't do it, it won't be done." He declared, "Just as sure as you live, someone's blood is crying to you from the ground."

Neglect of the Holy Spirit is dangerous: it is time to be working now. How fraught with obligations is the thought that "to us the ministry of reconciliation is given." Precious the privilege if accepted, if ignored our downfall is assured. "A man can not be saved and indifferent for



the lost." One worse than an infidel is mentioned in I Tim. 5:8; but Elder MacGuire vehemently asserted, "The man who fails to provide for the salvation of his own, is ten times worse than an infidel."

Life is serious: God has so enlightened us. Sister White gives the testimony: "In the judgment you must meet the souls you have neglected." "It's a wonderfully serious thing," he said, "to be alive to-day, and especially to know this Third Angel's Message. The lukewarm person is in a dangerous condition." But obedience alone does not save one. As Elisha had succeeded Elijah, so might Gehazi, Elisha's servant, have been his successor; but his implicit obedience was destitute of true consecration. "This is the peril of so many of us to-day," was the pitying remark. We are devoid of a "passion for souls." May we arouse from our stupor and do well what we find to do.



## THE LAST MEETING

BY F. ALLEN PITT

The real purpose, the all important and divine purpose, of the Young People's Institute was accomplished in the Tuesday night meeting, and was accomplished in a way that must surely have made all heaven and the angels rejoice.

Our new chapel was crowded---that is, every available seat was occupied. From the very beginning when the choir began rendering the beautiful selections, until the benediction was pronounced by Elder MacGuire, a deep atmosphere prevailed.

On the rostrum with Elder MacGuire and Professor Lawrence were, Elder Holbrook, Elder Wyman, and Brother McMoran.

Elder MacGuire began his sermon with a direct and forceful appeal to all to accept the Saviour. He said: "One of the saddest and most terrible things I know of is the crime of indifference towards God." Then from Matt. 22, he read the text: "He that is not with me is against me." "Dear young people, the noblest and only safe thing for you to do, is to take your stand for God."

Speaking along the line of personal evangelism, Elder MacGuire touched on many important things which it is necessary to give heed to if one is to engage in the work of soul winning. He said, "We must have a genuine passion for duty, and a divine longing for the unsaved; praying earnestly for them. We must contemplate the awful condition of unsaved souls. It is necessary to make a thoughtful, prayerful study of Christ's life, and we ought also to read and study books pertaining to personal evangelism. What we need is a larger vision! We may preach and teach a lifetime, but it is only the truth brought to perfection that counts; only the souls that we help bring into the Kingdom of God and happiness that will give us eternal joy."

Personality, a kind heart, sympathy, courtesy, personal tidiness, behavior and dignity, were some of the qualifications held up to us as being essential aids in helping us win souls for Christ. And we were told that simplicity of dress characterized a real soul winner.

About enthusiasm, Elder MacGuire said: "there is

an irresistible power and charm about one who is enthusiastic over his or her religion."

Concluding he quoted that passage of scripture found in I Cor. 13, "Love never faileth."

In response to the invitation to all who would accept the Saviour to stand to their feet, over a score of young men and women stood up. What a sight for the angels in heaven!

It is true; "Love never faileth." It was the love of God, brought to us in a loving way thru loving hearts, that broke the chains of indifference, or whatever thing it was that had, before, held bound so many young lives, and it was this that brot them all into the kingdom.



### LOYALTY

THERE is true art in loyalty. If you profess friendship, be a friend. Nothing carries with it so keen a sting as the thot that someone whom you thot a true friend has turned traitor. Nothing gives greater satisfaction than the knowlege that those whom you number as your friends are yours to stay by you in the hour when dark clouds hang round to hide those who have moved a few paces away. To know that they are anxious to bear your sorrows and share your joy. That whatever remark concerning you is made in their presence is met only by steadfast loyalty.

M. Y.



It's hard to keep a jewel from sparkling---From a chapel talk.

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### A Merry Yuletide, 1913

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#### AN ESSENTIAL OF SUCCESS

Efficiency in any line of work is invariably the result of a liking or taste for that kind of work. Anyone who has made a success in life rarely dislikes the work in which he is engaged. The making a success of his work is alone sufficient to create a real enjoyment for it, and when this much is accomplished the road to success is comparatively smooth, for what will an individual not sacrifice for his personal enjoyment? Even the "little things," the details of life, illustrate this principle perfectly. For instance, our school work is affected by this same general truth. A study that we have a particular liking for is the study that receives our undivided attention---the one which calls for our best efforts.

Since this is true, that efficiency is the product of a desire to carry on certain kinds of work, it would seem that an essential element of our vocation for life be the thing for which we feel the most preference. M. H.

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The mighty fir, which stands so perfectly straight,  
was just as straight when it was young. L. G. S.

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TO DIFFER TACTFULLY

The world of that is composed of opinions as varied as the individuals from whom the opinions spring. We can not expect that others' ideas shall always harmonize with our own, nor can we hope always to be successful in persuading others that our views are correct. Other minds, as bright as ours, hold opinions just as logical, and contain as much reason and judgment as do our cherished sentiments. But human nature resents an exposure of its misconceptions, and requires only an emphatic disbelief of its opinions to arouse an indignant spirit of self defense. And very often in justification of his views, one does not stop at merely presenting his why and wherefore, but the unguarded moment takes advantage of him, and a not altogether resigned spirit or temperate atmosphere is the result.

The individual who has learned tactfully to disagree, possesses a distinctive trait that will ensure him friends wherever he goes. And not only that, but life at least is liable to present itself in a pessimistic light, and how much more satisfaction we derive from agreeing whenever we can!

M. H.

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THE FORESTONIAN is not a large paper, but what you find in it was never seen in print before. THE FORESTONIAN does not copy. Perhaps it would contain better literature if it did, but that would not accomplish one of its most valuable aims---that of developing writers.

L. C. W.

## Academy Brevities

At our recent Young People's Missionary Volunteer Institute, we were pleased to welcome such a large number of delegates and visitors. Elder Meade MacGuire, of Loveland, Colo., and Professor N. W. Lawrence, of College Place, Wash., conducted the Institute. From Bellingham were Mr. and Mrs. Reed Nellis, Miss Mae Johnson, Miss Louise Vulliet, Miss Dana Ruckman, and Miss Engracia Hansen. Miss May Bell and Miss Signe Hoffman represented Auburn; Elders J. A. Holbrook and C. A. Wyman, Battle Ground; Mr. G. A. Thompson, Buckley. Mr. F. E. Darling came over from Bremerton. Miss Hazel Wilcox represented Centralia; Mr. A. H. Booth, Charleston; Mr. O. B. Manley, Port Townsend; Mr. T. W. Hallworth, Arlington; Miss Irina Adams, Edgecomb. From Ferndale were Mrs. A. Amunson, Mr. Gilbert Johnson, Mr. Cornelius Larson, Mr. Daniel Linrud, Miss Mamie Johnson, and Miss Ruth Linrud. Snohomish was represented by Miss Hazel Heywood. Seattle sent us Elder J. F. Piper, Professor L. I. Stiles, Mrs. S. N. Rittenhouse, Miss Opal Clark, Miss Dorothy Shrewsbury, Miss Ruth Watson, and Miss Violet Scott. From Stanwood were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jenson, Mr. Emil Matterand, Miss Clara Hansen, and Miss Ethel Gyes.

Our champions of the "Marathon Race" (from the base to the summit of Big Rock), ran on Thanksgiving day, for the sole championship. Mr. Ben Smith was champion of the race last spring, and Mr. Albert Adams is champion this autumn. Mr. Adams made the ascent in three minutes and twenty seconds, while it took Mr. Smith four minutes and ten seconds. Mr. Smith was absent from the race this autumn, but says he will win the race next spring.

The Literary Editor is acting as Editor-in-Chief until the return of Mr. Lyle C. Wilcox, who has been called home on account of his father's sickness.

The boiler of the Academy's heating plant cracked on Thanksgiving day; the cause is a mystery as there was but three pounds pressure and so much water that when the boiler cracked the water washed the ashes out of the ash-box. It has been temporarily repaired. The students and friends have agreed to contribute enough to buy a high pressure boiler and fire brick for the fire box. The Academy has agreed to pay all other cost of installation. It will be installed during the Christmas vacation. This will be a very great advantage over the old one, which was not large enough to properly heat the dormitories and the school rooms at the same time.

A Temperance Program by the teachers and students of the school was given, Saturday evening, December 6, at the Academy, and the following evening at Sedro-Woolley. The program was an excellent one and there was a large audience at both places.

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